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TO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD

SUBJECT: GSP COMPETITIVE NEED EXCLUSIONS

REF: HONG KONG 2377

HONG KONG EXCEEDED DOLLAR LIMITS IN FOLLOWING ITEMS:

TSUS NO. VOLUME 1976 EXPORTS PERCENT US TOTAL

684.50 ----- \$41.5 MILLION 28 PERCENT

685.24 ----- \$131 MILLION 26 PERCENT

737.95 ----- \$71 MILLION 46 PERCENT

740.10 ----- \$36 MILLION 22 PERCENT

774.60 ----- \$46.3 MILLION 26 PERCENT

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ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS WHERE HONG KONG IS EXCLUDED,  
REASON IS 50 PERCENT RULE EXCEPT TSUS 737.40 TOY

ANIMALS NOT HAVING A SPRING MECHANISM. HONG KONG  
EXCEEDED 50 PERCENT OF US INPUTS OF THIS ITEM IN  
1975 BUT FELL TO 47 PERCENT IN 1976. VALUE OF HONG

KONG EXPORT OF THIS ITEM ROSE FROM \$8 MILLION IN 1975 TO \$12 MILLION IN 1976 WITHOUT BENEFIT OF GSP. THIS ITEM WAS SUBJECT OF A PETITION REQUESTING ITS REMOVAL FROM GSP WHICH WAS DENIED. ONE OF THE FACTORS CONSIDERED IN DENYING THE PETITION WAS THE INELIGIBILITY DUE TO COMPETITIVE NEED OF THE LARGEST SUPPLIER, HONG KONG. IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE PRESIDENT NOT USE HIS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE HONG KONG ELIGIBLE FOR THIS ITEM ON MARCH 1. YOU MAY INFORM THE HONG KONG AUTHORITIES.

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